

Aurora. Nv. T.  
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Porter Jones Esqr  
Dear Father

I have written you often lately for I feared you were not getting any of my letters- I fear the mails here have stopped running in that part of Mo.

I see from late dispatches that Coffee is again among you with a large force. also that there are a great many rebels in Mo and the citizens are having much trouble

I hope you have not had to leave home nor had any trouble with them- I wish you all may escape the terrible fate- of the many who are engaged in this war

As I have stated to you in previous letters I am going to Mexico- to some newly discovered mines which I think immensely rich. I have my outfit- a good mule and horse- plenty of everything I shall need- and a company of fine men- I have many special friends going- I leave some business here unsettled which I would remain and settle if my health would permit but- as this climate is so dangerous for one with such weak lungs I think it prudent to leave

I do not think of returning here-unless on business

The climate is good where I am going and I have no doubt I shall enjoy good health there I wish bro Tom was here to go with me- but- would not advise him to come till he hears from me-if the mines are as rich as I believe they are I would like to have him with me.

If the mines prove worthless it is very uncertain where I go, I may return to Cal and I may not Write me direct to Aurora Nevada Territory I have my letters sent from here by express- but there is now no U.S. mail running to where I shall go- I shall manage to send you letters regularly.

My wishes- for the peace of the country, and prosperity of you- My love to mother- brothers and sisters- receive the well wishes of yur son

William

P.S. Tell Mother to give herself no trouble about me- for I have plenty, and shall be among friends- I wish you were situated in a country free from danger

I get no letters from home I have never had but two one from Tenn and one from Misseniah- I do wish I may get one before I leave

I shall leave on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> of October- I shall write again before leaving-

Your son